

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Original): A polymer-modified resin, comprising:

I) at least one hydroxy-functional or carboxy-functional polyester, and

II) at least one glycidyl-containing polyacrylate,

wherein said polyester I comprises an alcohol component containing of from 0.5 to 80 mol% of a dicidol fraction, and

wherein said resin is obtained by free-radical polymerization of the starting component(s) for the preparation of said polyacrylate II in the presence of the polyester I in at least one organic solvent.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The polymer-modified resin according to Claim 1, wherein said polyester I has an OH number of from 3 to 250 mg KOH/g, an acid number of from 0 to 200 mg KOH/g, a Tg of from -30 to 100°C, a dynamic viscosity, as measured in 75% solution in Solvesso®-150 a hydrocarbon fluid having an aromatics content >99 volume% according to ASTM D 1319, a color of Saybolt 30 according to ASTM D 156, an initial boiling point of 186°C and a dry point of 204 °C according to ASTM D 86, a flash point of 66°C according to ASTM D 56, a Kauri-butanol value of 94 according to ASTM D 1133, and a specific gravity of 0.897 15.6°C/15.6°C according to ASTM D 4052, of from 1 to 40 Pa·s, and an OH functionality of from 1 to 10.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The polymer-modified resin according to Claim 1, wherein said polyester I has an OH number of from 10 to 150 mg KOH/g, an acid number of from 0 to 75 mg KOH/g, a Tg of from -20 to 40°C, a dynamic viscosity, as measured in 75% solution in Solvesso®-150 a hydrocarbon fluid having an aromatics content >99 volume% according to ASTM D 1319, a color of Saybolt 30 according to ASTM D 156, an initial

boiling point of 186°C and a dry point of 204 °C according to ASTM D 86, a flash point of 66°C according to ASTM D 56, a Kauri-butanol value of 94 according to ASTM D 1133, and a specific gravity of 0.897 15.6°C/15.6°C according to ASTM D 4052, of from 1 to 20 Pa·s, and an OH functionality of from 2 to 5.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The polymer-modified resin according to Claim 1, wherein said polyester I has an OH number of from 30 to 50 mg KOH/g, an acid number of from 0 to 50 mg KOH/g, a Tg of from -10 to 20°C, a dynamic viscosity, as measured in 75% solution in Solvesso®-150 a hydrocarbon fluid having an aromatics content >99 volume% according to ASTM D 1319, a color of Saybolt 30 according to ASTM D 156, an initial boiling point of 186°C and a dry point of 204 °C according to ASTM D 86, a flash point of 66°C according to ASTM D 56, a Kauri-butanol value of 94 according to ASTM D 1133, and a specific gravity of 0.897 15.6°C/15.6°C according to ASTM D 4052, of from 1 to 10 Pa·s, and an OH functionality of from 2 to 4.

Claim 5 (Original): The polymer-modified resin according to Claim 1, wherein said dicidol comprises an isomer mixture of X,Y-bis(hydroxymethyl)tricyclo[5.2.2.0^{2,6}]decane.

Claim 6 (Original): The polymer-modified resin according to Claim 1, wherein said dicidol comprises a mixture of the isomeric compounds 3,8-bis(hydroxymethyl)tricyclo[5.2.1.0^{2,6}]decane, 4,8-bis (hydroxymethyl)tricyclo[5.2.1.0^{2,6}]decane and 5,8-bis(hydroxymethyl) tricyclo[5.2.1.0^{2,6}]decane.

wherein each isomer is present in said mixture in a fraction of from 20 to 40% by weight, the sum of the three isomers being from 90 to 100% by weight.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The polymer-modified resin as claimed in claim 4 ~~or~~ 5, further comprising up to 10% of isomers of dicitol, trimeric isomeric diols of the Diels-Alder reaction product of cyclopentadiene, higher isomeric diols of the Diels-Alder reaction product of cyclopentadiene or mixtures thereof.

Claim 8 (Original): The polymer-modified resin according to Claim 1, wherein the alcohol component of polyester I is a compound selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol, 1,2-propanediol, 1,3-propanediol, diethylene, dipropylene, triethylene and tetraethylene glycol, 1,2-butanediol, 1,4-butanediol, 1,3-butylethylpropanediol, 1,3-methylpropanediol, 1,5-pentanediol, cyclohexanedimethanol, glycerol, hexanediol, neopentylglycol, trimethylolethane, trimethylolpropane, pentaerythritol, bisphenol A, bisphenol B, bisphenol C, bisphenol F, norbornylene glycol, 1,4-benzylidimethanol, 1,4-benzylidiethanol, 2,4-dimethyl-2-ethylhexane-1,3-diol, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 9 (Original): The polymer-modified resin according to Claim 1, wherein the acid component of polyester I is a compound selected from the group consisting of phthalic acid, isophthalic acid, terephthalic acid, 1,2-cyclohexanedicarboxylic acid, 1,4-cyclohexanedicarboxylic acid, succinic acid, sebacic acid, methyltetrahydrophthalic acid, methylhexahydrophthalic acid, tetrahydrophthalic acid, dodecanedioic acid, adipic acid, azelaic acid, naphthalenedicarboxylic acid, pyromellitic acid, trimellitic acid, anhydride of phthalic acid, anhydride of isophthalic acid, anhydride of terephthalic acid, anhydride of 1,2-cyclohexanedicarboxylic acid, anhydride of 1,4-cyclohexanedicarboxylic acid, anhydride of succinic acid, anhydride of sebacic acid, anhydride of methyltetrahydrophthalic acid, anhydride of methylhexahydrophthalic acid, anhydride of tetrahydrophthalic acid, anhydride

of dodecanedioic acid, anhydride of adipic acid, anhydride of azelaic acid, anhydride of naphthalenedicarboxylic acid, anhydride of pyromellitic acid, anhydride of trimellitic acid, lower alkyl esters of phthalic acid, lower alkyl esters of isophthalic acid, lower alkyl esters of terephthalic acid, lower alkyl esters of 1,2-cyclohexanedicarboxylic acid, lower alkyl esters of 1,4-cyclohexanedicarboxylic acid, lower alkyl esters of succinic acid, lower alkyl esters of sebacic acid, lower alkyl esters of methyltetrahydrophthalic acid, lower alkyl esters of methylhexahydrophthalic acid, lower alkyl esters of tetrahydrophthalic acid, lower alkyl esters of dodecanedioic acid, lower alkyl esters of adipic acid, lower alkyl esters of azelaic acid, lower alkyl esters of naphthalenedicarboxylic acid, lower alkyl esters of pyromellitic acid, lower alkyl esters of trimellitic acid, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The polymer-modified resin according to Claim 1, wherein the polyacrylate II has an OH number of from 0 to 300 mg KOH/g, an acid number of from 0 to 300 mg KOH/g, an epoxidically attached oxygen content of from 0.05 to 10 wt.%, a Tg of from -40 to 120°C, a dynamic viscosity, as measured in 60% solution in Solvesso®-150 a hydrocarbon fluid having an aromatics content >99 volume% according to ASTM D 1319, a color of Saybolt 30 according to ASTM D 156, an initial boiling point of 186°C and a dry point of 204 °C according to ASTM D 86, a flash point of 66°C according to ASTM D 56, a Kauri-butanol value of 94 according to ASTM D 1133, and a specific gravity of 0.897 15.6°C/15.6°C according to ASTM D 4052, of from 0.2 to 40 Pa·s, an Mn of from 1 000 to 100 000 g/mol, and an Mw of from 2 000 to 1 000 000 g/mol.

Claim 11 (Original): The polymer-modified resin according to Claim 1, wherein the polyacrylate II has an OH number of from 20 to 150 mg KOH/g, an acid number of from 0 to 50 mg KOH/g, an epoxidically attached oxygen content of from 0.3 to 3.0 wt.%, a Tg of from

-30 to 40°C, a dynamic viscosity, as measured in 60% solution in Solvesso® 150, of from 0.5 to 15 Pa·s, an Mn of from 1 000 to 10 000 g/mol, and an Mw of from 3 000 to 100 000 g/mol.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The polymer-modified resin according to Claim 1, wherein the polyacrylate II has an OH number of from 40 to 140 mg KOH/g, an acid number of from 0 to 20 mg KOH/g, an epoxidically attached oxygen content of from 0.3 to 2.0 wt.%, a Tg of from -20 to 30°C, a dynamic viscosity, as measured in 60% solution in Solvesso® 150, a hydrocarbon fluid having an aromatics content >99 volume% according to ASTM D 1319, a color of Saybolt 30 according to ASTM D 156, an initial boiling point of 186°C and a dry point of 204 °C according to ASTM D 86, a flash point of 66°C according to ASTM D 56, a Kauri-butanol value of 94 according to ASTM D 1133, and a specific gravity of 0.897 15.6°C/15.6°C according to ASTM D 4052, of from 0.5 to 10 Pa·s, an Mn of from 1 000 to 6 000 g/mol, and an Mw of from 5 000 to 20 000 g/mol.

Claim 13 (Original): The polymer-modified resin according to Claim 1, wherein the polyacrylate II is prepared from at least one glycidyl-containing monomer and at least one monomer selected from the group consisting of styrene, acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, C₁-C₄₀ alkyl esters of methacrylic acid and acrylic acid, hydroxyalkyl acrylates, hydroxyalkyl methacrylates and mixtures thereof

Claim 14 (Original): The polymer-modified resin according to Claim 1, wherein said starting components are selected from the group consisting of glycidyl methacrylate, glycidyl acrylate, 1,2-epoxybutyl acrylate, 1,2-epoxybutyl methacrylate, 2,3-epoxycyclopentyl acrylate, 2,3-epoxycyclopentyl methacrylate, styrene, acrylic acid, methacrylic acid, methyl

methacrylate, 2-hydroxyethyl acrylate, 2-hydroxyethyl methacrylate, butyl acrylate, butyl methacrylate and mixtures thereof.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The polymer-modified resin according to Claim 1, having an OH number of from 0 to 250 mg KOH/g, an acid number of from 0 to 200 mg KOH/g, an epoxide oxygen content of 0.05 to 10 wt.%, a Tg of from -40 to 120°C, and a dynamic viscosity, as measured in 60% solution in ~~Selvesse® 150~~ a hydrocarbon fluid having an aromatics content >99 volume% according to ASTM D 1319, a color of Saybolt 30 according to ASTM D 156, an initial boiling point of 186°C and a dry point of 204 °C according to ASTM D 86, a flash point of 66°C according to ASTM D 56, a Kauri-butanol value of 94 according to ASTM D 1133, and a specific gravity of 0.897 15.6°C/15.6°C according to ASTM D 4052, of from 0.2 to 40 Pa·s.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The polymer-modified resin according to Claim 1, having an OH number of from 20 to 150 mg KOH/g, an acid number of from 0 to 50 mg KOH/g, an epoxide oxygen content of 0.3 to 3 wt.%, a Tg of from -30 to 40°C, and a dynamic viscosity, as measured in 60% solution in ~~Selvesse® 150~~ a hydrocarbon fluid having an aromatics content >99 volume% according to ASTM D 1319, a color of Saybolt 30 according to ASTM D 156, an initial boiling point of 186°C and a dry point of 204 °C according to ASTM D 86, a flash point of 66°C according to ASTM D 56, a Kauri-butanol value of 94 according to ASTM D 1133, and a specific gravity of 0.897 15.6°C/15.6°C according to ASTM D 4052, of from 0.5 to 15 Pa·s.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The polymer-modified resin according to Claim 1, having an OH number of from 40 to 140 mg KOH/g, an acid number of from 0 to 20 mg

KOH/g, an epoxide oxygen content of 0.3 to 2 wt.%, a Tg of from -20 to 30°C, and a dynamic viscosity, as measured in 60% solution in Solvesso®-150 a hydrocarbon fluid having an aromatics content >99 volume% according to ASTM D 1319, a color of Saybolt 30 according to ASTM D 156, an initial boiling point of 186°C and a dry point of 204 °C according to ASTM D 86, a flash point of 66°C according to ASTM D 56, a Kauri-butanol value of 94 according to ASTM D 1133, and a specific gravity of 0.897 15.6°C/15.6°C according to ASTM D 4052, of from 0.5 to 10 Pa.s.

Claim 18 (Original): The polymer-modified resin according to Claim 1, comprising:

- I.) from 10 to 90% by weight of polyester; and
- II.) from 90 to 10% by weight of polyacrylate.

Claim 19 (Original): The polymer-modified resin according to Claim 1, comprising:

- I.) from 30 to 80% by weight of polyester; and
- II.) from 70 to 20% by weight of polyacrylate.

Claim 20 (Original): The polymer-modified resin according to Claim 1, comprising:

- I.) from 60 to 80% by weight of polyester; and
- II.) from 40 to 20% by weight of polyacrylate.

Claim 21 (Original): The polymer-modified resin according to Claim 1, wherein the acid component of said polyester I comprises in ester form

- 60 – 100 mol% of (cyclo)aliphatic dicarboxylic acids,
- 0 – 40 mol% of aromatic dicarboxylic acid,
- 0 – 40 mol% of further (cyclo)aliphatic dicarboxylic acid, and

0 – 10 mol% of higher polyfunctional carboxylic acid; and
wherein the alcohol component of said polyester I comprises in ester form
10 – 60 mol% of neopentylglycol,
10 – 60 mol% of monoethylene glycol,
0 – 20 mol% of trimethylolpropane,
0.5 to 80 mol% of dicidol, and
0 - 79.5 mol% of further (cyclo)aliphatic alcohol component; and
wherein a sum of the acid components and a sum of the alcohol components each on
its own adds up to 100 mol%.

Claim 22 (Original): The polymer-modified resin according to Claim 1, wherein the
acid component of said polyester I comprises in ester form

60 - 100 mol% of 1,2-cyclohexanedicarboxylic anhydride,
0 – 40 mol% of aromatic dicarboxylic acid,
0 – 40 mol% of further (cyclo)aliphatic dicarboxylic acid, and
0 – 10 mol% of higher polyfunctional carboxylic acid; and
wherein the alcohol component of said polyester I comprises in ester form
10 – 60 mol% of neopentylglycol,
10 – 60 mol% of monoethylene glycol,
0 – 20 mol% of trimethylolpropane,
0.5 - 80 mol% of dicidol, and
0 - 79.5 mol% of further (cyclo)aliphatic alcohol component.

Claim 23 (Original): The polymer-modified resin according to Claim 1, wherein the
polyacrylate II comprises the following monomers in copolymerized form

10 - 40 mol% of butyl acrylate and/or butyl methacrylate,
10 - 40 mol% of glycidyl methacrylate and/or (meth)acrylic acid,
10 - 80 mol% of methyl methacrylate,
0 - 50 mol% of styrene, and
0 - 70 mol% of further α , β -unsaturated monomers.

Claim 24 (Original): The polymer-modified resin according to Claim 1, wherein the polyacrylate II comprises the following monomers in copolymerized form

10 - 40 mol% of butyl acrylate and/or butyl methacrylate,
10 - 40 mol% of glycidyl methacrylate and/or (meth)acrylic acid,
10 - 80 mol% of methyl methacrylate,
5 - 40 mol% of hydroxyethyl acrylate and/or hydroxyethyl methacrylate,
0 - 40 mol% of acrylic acid and/or methacrylic acid,
0 - 50 mol% of styrene, and
0 - 65 mol% of further α , β -unsaturated monomers.

Claim 25 (Original): A process for preparing a polymer-modified resin, comprising:
free-radical polymerizing ethylenically unsaturated monomers in the presence of a) at least one polyester having at least one hydroxy-functional or carboxy-functional group, and b) at least one organic solvent, to obtain at least one glycidyl-containing polyacrylate; and
wherein said polyester comprises an alcohol component containing of from 0.5 to 80 mol% of dicidol.

Claim 26 (Original): A binder, comprising:

a polymer-modified resin according to Claim 1.

Claim 27 (Original): An adhesive, comprising:

a polymer-modified resin according to Claim 1.

Claim 28 (Original): A coating composition, comprising:

a polymer-modified resin according to Claim 1.

Claim 29 (Original): The binder as claimed in claim 26, further comprising polyisocyanate, polycarboxylic acid, polyanhydride, polyamine, melamine-formaldehyde resin crosslinker or mixtures thereof.

Claim 30 (New): The polymer-modified resin as claimed in claim 5, further comprising up to 10% of isomers of dicitol, trimeric isomeric diols of the Diels-Alder reaction product of cyclopentadiene, higher isomeric diols of the Diels-Alder reaction product of cyclopentadiene or mixtures thereof.